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# TIMING IS EVERYTHING

BY LIZ APPEL RINCK, Γ/BUTLER, EDITOR

SOMETIMES I FEEL BAD FOR THE WINTER ISSUE OF THE THETA MAGAZINE.

Arriving, as it does, at the tail end of December every year, your editor has the sneaking suspicion that the winter issue gets lost in the holiday hullabaloo. This is perfectly understandable—I'm not intimating that anyone is *deliberately* ignoring 36 pages of magazine stock with a smiling Theta on the cover. I know the winter issue can be overlooked simply because we're all so very ... tired.

As understandable as this is, it's unfortunate because—just as the holidays occur at the same time every year—certain Theta events tend to occur at the same time every year (or every biennium) and are covered in the winter issue.

Founders Day, for instance, is January 27 and is traditionally commemorated by a message from the Fraternity president. Every year, I marvel anew at the bravery of our founders. Not only were they creating something new and doing so in a largely inhospitable environment, but they were also doing this in January. In Indiana. As a lifelong resident of the state, I can attest to the fact that the midwestern winter wind rises somewhere in Siberia and isn't blocked by anything until it reaches us. Doing something other than huddling inside and counting the days until spring takes a great deal of fortitude, and doing something like founding the first Greek-letter Fraternity for women? As I said: brave. Very brave.

You can read the 2014 Founders Day and Friendship Fund message on page 14.

The academic year, of course, begins each autumn. If a school is welcoming the establishment of a new Theta chapter on its campus, this also frequently occurs in the autumn, and the news is published in the winter issue. The autumn of 2013 brought the establishment of not just one new Theta college chapter but the establishment of three! In fact, all three events occurred in the same month. Along with (while we're on the subject of holidays) two major celebrations: Hanukkah and Thanksgiving. November was a busy month.

You can read about the installations of the Eta Psi Chapter at Tufts University, the Eta Omega Chapter at Saint Louis University, and the Theta Theta Chapter at North Carolina State University beginning on page 15.

Alert readers like you will remember that the Fraternity announced in the autumn of 2012 a program to honor top faculty members at schools with Theta chapters. The outstanding faculty program continued in the autumn of 2013. A panel of judges evaluated the nominations of more than 110 professors and instructors and selected ten very impressive finalists.

An article about these finalists and the ways in which they help our collegians become leading women begins on page 28.

Conferences and conventions are also recurring events on the Kappa Alpha Theta calendar.

Autumn historically sees the annual meeting of the National Panhellenic Conference (NPC), the umbrella group for 26 inter/national women's fraternities and sororities (including Theta). In addition to legislative sessions and committee meetings, the 2013 meeting honored a faculty member at North Carolina State for her research on the subtle and not-so-subtle ways in which society discourages girls and women from pursuing interests in science, technology, engineering, and math.

Theta's Grand Convention is held biennially, in even-numbered years. One of Convention's main purposes is the election of a Grand Council to govern the Fraternity for the subsequent two years. The nomination process begins in the spring prior to Convention and is announced online, via social media, and in the winter issue of the Theta magazine. By considering Council service or by submitting references for Council candidates, members have a unique opportunity to influence the future course of the Fraternity.

You can read about the NPC meeting on page 31, Grand Convention 2014 beginning on page 18, and the Council nomination process on page 27.

If, dear reader, you've gotten this far into the Winter 2013-14 issue of the Theta magazine, perhaps I have managed to persuade you to keep turning the pages. Put your feet up, ignore the to-do lists, and read on. You deserve a little "Theta time"! ◇

**ON THE COVER:** Dr. Susan Mathison, Phi deuteran/Stanford, founder of Catalyst Medical Center & Clinical Spa and PositivelyBeautiful.com.

YESTERDAY, TODAY, AND TOMORROW, KAPPA ALPHA THETA EXISTS TO NURTURE EACH MEMBER THROUGHOUT HER COLLEGE AND ALUMNA EXPERIENCE AND TO OFFER LIFELONG OPPORTUNITY FOR SOCIAL, INTELLECTUAL, AND MORAL GROWTH AS SHE MEETS THE HIGHER AND BROADER DEMANDS OF MATURE LIFE.

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# LEADING WOMEN

## ARE YOU READY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR THETA?

IT'S TIME TO BEGIN THE NOMINATION PROCESS FOR THE GRAND COUNCIL THAT WILL BE ELECTED AT GRAND CONVENTION 2014.

AS STATED IN THE *KAPPA ALPHA THETA CONSTITUTION*, THE FIRST PURPOSE OF GRAND CONVENTION IS TO "... ELECT THE MEMBERS OF GRAND COUNCIL." THESE WOMEN WILL LEAD OUR FRATERNITY FOR THE FOLLOWING BIENNium. YOU ARE ASKED TO CONSIDER VOLUNTEERING TO BE A CANDIDATE FOR SERVICE ON GRAND COUNCIL. IF YOU HAVE TIME AND TALENTS TO CONTRIBUTE, YOU WOULD FIND IT AN HONOR AND PRIVILEGE TO WORK IN A UNIQUE GOVERNANCE SETTING WITH OTHER EXTRAORDINARY THETA WOMEN WHO HAVE COMMITTED THEMSELVES TO INFLUENCE THE FUTURE COURSE OF THE FRATERNITY. YOU CAN ALSO BE PART OF THE SELECTION PROCESS BY SUBMITTING REFERENCES FOR OTHER THETAS WHO ARE CANDIDATES FOR COUNCIL SERVICE.

### WHAT IS GRAND COUNCIL?

Grand Council is the governing body of the Fraternity between Conventions. The elected members of Grand Council are the Fraternity president and six Fraternity vice presidents. The Foundation president also serves on Grand Council ex officio.

### WHAT ARE THE DUTIES OF GRAND COUNCIL?

Grand Council members are volunteers who are responsible for strategic planning as well as providing oversight for all programs, policies, and operations of the Fraternity. In addition, Grand Council approves the Fraternity's annual budget and allocates funds for programs and services. Council members execute their duties by working closely with Headquarters staff and through numerous officers.

### WHO SERVES ON THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE? HOW ARE THEY CHOSEN?

The Nominating Committee chairman, appointed by the Fraternity president with the approval of Grand Council, directs the work of the Nominating Committee. The vice chairman of the Committee is similarly appointed and takes the chairman's place should she be unable to perform her duties. The Fraternity's executive director serves as the committee's secretary.

In spring 2014, each district, identified expressly for Nominating Committee work, will elect one delegate to serve on the Nominating Committee. By random drawing, districts will be assigned to either elect college or alumnae delegates as their representatives. Only delegates from college and alumnae chapters in good standing are eligible to serve on the Nominating Committee.

### HOW DOES THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE WORK?

In the months leading up to Convention, the Nominating Committee chairman solicits information from Theta alumnae who are willing to serve on Grand Council for the new biennium, as well as references from Theta members, volunteers, and staff who have worked with those alumnae.

The Nominating Committee will convene prior to the opening of Convention to review the information submitted by Thetas interested in serving on Grand Council, as well as all references submitted about the candidates. Candidates are also interviewed either in person at the Convention site or by video conferencing ahead of Convention.

After evaluating the qualifications, skills, and strengths of the candidates and assessing the composition of potential Council teams as a whole, the Committee creates a slate and presents it to the Convention body.

### WHAT HAPPENS AFTER THE SLATE IS PRESENTED?

The Fraternity president will call for nominations from the floor, which are allowed in our laws. After any such nominations, delegates will vote in an election run by the Election Board.

### WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO SERVE ON GRAND COUNCIL?

According to our laws, any Theta alumna in good standing who is a college graduate is eligible to serve on Grand Council. Theta volunteer positions, non-profit leadership expertise, and paid professional experiences are also important in being slated to serve on Grand Council.

### HOW DO I MAKE MYSELF AVAILABLE FOR COUNCIL SERVICE?

If you are interested in being a candidate for Council service, visit the Convention area of the Theta website for more information and for the applicable forms, which will be available February 10. The deadline for completing the forms is April 11.

### WHO SHOULD SUBMIT REFERENCES FOR COUNCIL CANDIDATES?

All Thetas (collegians and alumnae) and Fraternity staff members who have worked with a candidate should submit a reference.

### HOW DO I SUBMIT A REFERENCE?

Visit the Convention area of the Theta website for the reference form. All references must be submitted online by May 16.

### WHERE CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION?

The Convention area of the website has more information on Grand Council service, deadlines, candidate expectations and reference guidelines. Visit [www.kappaalphatheta.org/nominations](http://www.kappaalphatheta.org/nominations).

### WHOM CAN I CONTACT WITH QUESTIONS?

All questions should be directed to Carryl Wischmeyer Krohne, Nu/Hanover, Nominating Committee chairman ([NCChair@kappaalphatheta.org](mailto:NCChair@kappaalphatheta.org)). ♦



*Perhaps the single most important aspect of the Nominating Committee is confidentiality. All recommendations and deliberations are held in strictest confidence.*



"I AM A THETA" IS SOMETHING WE ALL SAY WITH PRIDE, WHETHER WE JUST RECEIVED A BID DAY CARD OR A 75-YEAR MEMBER PIN. THE FONDNESS WE HAVE FOR THETA COMES FROM OUR OWN EXPERIENCES—THE PEOPLE WE MEET, THE TIME WE SPEND TOGETHER, AND THE STORIES WE TELL. THESE STORIES



ARE WHAT CONNECT US TO ONE ANOTHER AND STRENGTHEN OUR SISTERHOOD. WE ALL HAVE A THETA STORY TO TELL. TAKE JUST A MINUTE TO REMEMBER ONE OF YOURS, AND

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## SHARE STORIES

Visit the I Am a Theta area of [www.kappaalphatheta.org](http://www.kappaalphatheta.org) to browse our stories and learn more about submitting your own. (Log in required for submissions.)

## BELIEVING IN OURSELVES AND OTHERS

Kappa Alpha Theta not only gave us faith in each other, but it also gave us the ability to dream big. Two years ago, the two of us met on the executive board of Eta Xi. Today, we have taken everything we learned from Theta and applied it in real life to launch our own online jewelry business, Armed & Readi.

Kappa Alpha Theta has provided me with more than I could have ever imagined. When I was introduced to this organization, I had only an ounce of understanding of all that would become of it and all that it would make me become. As a sophomore, I was given the opportunity to be a part of the executive board of the Eta Xi Chapter at Quinnipiac. At that time, I was lucky enough to meet one of my soon-to-be best friends and current business partner, Georgette Fryburg. We immediately clicked and knew that we could accomplish big things together. Launching our own personal style blog, High Heels & Big Dreams, we quickly learned the extensive support we would receive from the Quinnipiac community and especially our sisters.

Motivated by our blog, we decided to start our own business. Armed & Readi is an online retailer for cos-

tume jewelry that fits the college girl's budget. With the help of our sisters, we were able to go from sales at the Quinnipiac University student center to an online launch with national exposure. With fun, trendy pieces, Armed & Readi has become a campus favorite for all things sorority life, from recruitment to formals. We have had the ability to work with other organizations in the Panhellenic community, as well as donate to their philanthropies.

Kappa Alpha Theta gave us the ability to believe in ourselves, but more importantly, it instilled the ability to believe in others. We learned that our sisters will be our biggest supporters, even after we graduated, truly defining that Theta is for a lifetime. The amount of gratitude we have for each member of Eta Xi is immense, and the amount they all have impacted not only our business but our lives is truly inspiring. This organization is the reason we have faith in ourselves, hope in others, and love for a lifetime.

Brittany Carinci, Eta Xi/Quinnipiac, is the co-founder of Armed & Readi, an online boutique featuring budget-friendly accessories.



Brittany and Georgette on graduation day.

## ESTABLISHING A COLLEGE CHAPTER CHANGED MY LIFE

My experience as a "colonizer" for a chapter at the University of Utah began with my arrival, in September 1964, at a completely new part of the United States for me. It ended with a new career and a future husband—what more could a 22-year-old want!

Theta sends one or two members (referred to today as educational leadership consultants, or ELCs) to each newly established college chapter.

The Delta Lambda facility at the University of Utah was still being renovated when Karen Felte, the other consultant, and I moved in. The kitchen was not completed, and we spent the first three months cooking over a hotplate, with an electric coffee pot and a small refrigerator, along with a card table and four folding chairs, in what was to be the cloakroom. We inherited 17 new members, whom Salt Lake City alumnae had chosen in the spring, and managed to pull off a fall recruitment which resulted in 25 more new members. The first year ended with a very impressive initiation and installation of the chapter by Fraternity officers.

All of these girls were willing to put their time and

energy into a new sorority, knowing that their actions would either make or break Theta's affiliation with the university. They were an outstanding group in leadership and enthusiasm, both to Theta and to the university.

For me, I discovered that I liked working with college girls more than first-graders—my goal in undergraduate studies. I joyfully accepted an offer that spring to stay on in the university's Dean of Students Office as the advisor to women's organizations. I finished my master's degree in education. The following year, I met Tom Hewett at Utah. When he decided to attend graduate school at the University of Illinois, we married and I worked two more years at Illinois as the Panhellenic dean before "retiring" to motherhood.

Theta gave me an opportunity to be in a different part of the country, earn a master's degree, meet many interesting people both young and old, start a satisfying career and, indirectly, to become a wife and mother. I will always be proud to be a Theta.

Angela Peckham Hewett, Nu/Hanover, served the Fraternity as an ELC in 1964 and 1965. She is a Life Loyal member and belongs to the Philadelphia Alumnae Chapter. ♦



Angela Peckham, second from right, at the Delta Lambda facility in 1964.



# KAPPA ALPHA THETA FOUNDATION

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES CALL FOR NOMINATIONS



### Questions?

Feel free to contact Theta Foundation's Nominating Committee, [FdnNomCom@kappaalphatheta.org](mailto:FdnNomCom@kappaalphatheta.org), or Kristen Kaiser, Foundation executive director and nominating committee liaison, 1-800-526-1870 or [kkaiser@kappaalphatheta.org](mailto:kkaiser@kappaalphatheta.org).

Important to the health and sustainability of Theta Foundation is selecting highly qualified and enthusiastic women to serve on the board of trustees. Theta Foundation works throughout the year to identify individuals who will assist Theta Foundation in setting and carrying out strategic priorities that ultimately result in advancing the Foundation's mission. These women must also be zealous advocates, enthusiastically communicating the Foundation's mission and vision and playing a major role in fundraising and outreach.

Candidates should be members of Kappa Alpha Theta in good standing with the Fraternity, available to serve a two-year term on the Foundation Board of Trustees, commencing July 1, 2014.

If you or someone you know is interested in serving Theta Foundation on its board of trustees, please take a few minutes to participate in this call for nominations.

Information can be located at  
[www.kappaalphathetafoundation.org/recentnews/](http://www.kappaalphathetafoundation.org/recentnews/)  
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# NOT FOR OURSELVES ALONE

## SHARING THETA VALUES

### HOLLY MORRIS LUTHER BELIEVES IN BEING LIFE LOYAL

More than a decade ago her relationship with Theta began with a promise of good friends and special college memories, but today, Holly Luther, Delta Omicron/Alabama, views it as a way to grow into a better woman so that she may in turn help teach and empower others who come after her—namely Annabelle, her daughter, whose due date coincidentally matched her own initiation date, October 15. In hopes of reminding her of how she has touched so many young women's lives in meaningful and powerful ways, Holly's husband, Michael, gave her a Life Loyal membership in honor of Annabelle's birth. Here's a closer look into Holly's Theta experience and what it means to her.

### HOW HAS YOUR THETA EXPERIENCE EVOLVED?

Theta began for me as a freshman at the University of Alabama when I was far away from home and wanting to meet new people on campus. More than a decade later, Theta has provided me with lifelong sisters and friends from across the globe, who have taught me, loved me, and inspired me to be a better woman. Theta has given me opportunities in leadership, education, and personal development that I would not have otherwise gained. It has given me confidence, a sense of self, and a shared ritual with women from across many continents and one that transcends generations.

### WHAT THETA VALUES DO YOU HOPE TO PASS ON TO ANNABELLE?

I hope to share with my daughter a sense of responsibility to give back to others. Bettie Locke Hamilton said of the first Theta women, "We weren't going to college just for ourselves, but for all the girls who would follow after us ... if we could just win out." I plan to hang this quote in Annabelle's nursery because I want her to know that she is called to think of others before herself. Her actions and motivations should not be focused on elevating herself, rather her actions should be directed at making positive change for others, and always keeping in mind that what she does will impact those who will follow behind her. I hope that I can teach her to live by Theta's value of service to others. This is not easy, of course, but to help her in this endeavor it is also my desire that she will adopt the sense of perseverance that our founders demonstrated.

### WHAT DOES RECEIVING THIS GIFT MEAN TO YOU?

I have learned that my husband sees our Fraternity as a strong chain of women that boasts a long history of empowering its members, of encouraging scholastic excellence, of creating change, and of aspiring to the highest ethical and moral standards, with love as the foundation. I believe he is very proud to have women of such character in his daughter's life from a young age.

Life Loyal is a way I can show support and love for my sisters—those whom I know, those whom I do not know, and those who are yet to come—and a way I can reinvest in others what has been invested in me over the years. Theta has been so loyal to me, how could I not be loyal to her?

### ANY LAST THOUGHTS?

I am blessed that 14 years ago I found a home in Kappa Alpha Theta and hope that our daughter will make the kind of lifelong friendships that I have made through my Theta experience with women who will support her, love her, hold her accountable, and encourage her to strive for excellence in her life. Who knows? Perhaps one day Annabelle and I will call each other sisters as well.



Holly, Michael, Avery, and Annabelle Luther





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Nearly 150 years ago, Theta's founders recognized dedication, intelligence, and commitment in one another, and they also understood the potential of the college women who would follow in their footsteps. They were leading the way for women in higher education.

In the decades since then, Theta has continued to be recognized as a leading women's group. Our ideas and programs have often been on the cutting edge—as individual and as chapters, we are known for leading in our communities and on our campuses.

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## COLLEGE CHAPTERS

**A** Members of the **ZETA SIGMA CHAPTER** stood together at preference round during fall recruitment at **OHIO NORTHERN**. The chapter welcomed 15 new members.

**B** Sporting gold during fall recruitment, **ETA THETA/CENTRAL FLORIDA** members **JAMIE COREY, LAUREN LOPEZ, ERIN WHITLEY, and SARAH PILCHER** prepared to meet potential new members.

**C** **SARAH HEIMBROCK, HAYLEE SCHWERS, MADISON MEREDITH, TINA KELLER, and OLIVIA PASTOS**—members of the **ALPHA NU CHAPTER** at **MONTANA**—enjoyed bid day reveal at Montana's football stadium.

**D** **KAPPA CHAPTER** members **KATIE SLOAN, MARGARET BRILL, and LAURA NEENAN** prepared to start the opening round of fall recruitment at **KANSAS**.

**E** **SAMANTHA LATHROP, APRIL BEISSENHERZ, JANTSEN MCBRIDE, ASHTON HIATT, BRE BRADLEY, SIERRA KENSINGER, and KATIE KREIDER**, members of **AM/MISSOURI**, stood by the Theta swing outside the chapter house during fall recruitment.

**F** Members of **ETA RHO CHAPTER** at **JAMES MADISON**—**KATIE MURDOCK, BECKY DANKER, LINDSAY MALLAK, and RACHEL BROWNE**—represented Theta at

an event during fall recruitment.

**G** **EMILY BROWNE, DANIELLE NORTON, CAROLINE DAHL, CAROLINE DEISLEY, MAGGIE DUFF, and NIKKI BORCHARD**, members of **O/USC**, celebrated bid day in September.

**H** **ETA NU CHAPTER** celebrated bid day at **LAKE FOREST** in September.

**I** **ALPHA CHI CHAPTER** members **AMY REBER, MELISSA LIPSCOMB, and HANNAH HENDRICKS** held life-size Theta letters during a round of fall recruitment at **PURDUE**.

**J** **CIERA LINDSAY, ELLEN CARSTENSEN, KAILA WEST, DANIELLA MORACCO, and**

## THETAS OF NOTE



**LOURDES PAREDES, ΔΨ/ UC RIVERSIDE**, launched *Illumine Chicago*, a new magazine dedicated to yoga and wellness in the Windy City.



**KATE NOLEN PROFFITT**, alumna of **AM/MISSOURI**, was the first recipient of the Up and Coming Nonprofit Leader Award given by *Missouri Lawyers Weekly*.



**SARAH JOHNSON**, alumna of **AX/PURDUE**, was named by *Accounting Today* as one of the Top 100 Most Influential People for 2013.



Mortar Board National College Senior Honor Society presented the Excellence in Advising Award to **GLEND KEITH GUYTON, ΓΦ/TEXAS TECH**. Guyton helped establish Theta chapters at the University of Alabama and the University of Tennessee.



**NELDA LUCE BLAIR**, alumna of **EE/BAYLOR**, was honored as the 2013 Breakthrough Woman in Education at The Greater Houston Conference for Women.





**J** JENNA RYAN, members of the **BETA MU CHAPTER** at **NEVADA**, focused on sharing Theta's strong service values at philanthropy night during fall recruitment.

**K** **GAMMA PSI CHAPTER** at **TCU** celebrated Bid Day at alumna **MEGAN BOSCHINI'S** home in Fort Worth, Texas. Pictured members include **ASHLEY FELDT**, **MOLLY ANDERSON**, **CHELSEA MCCORMICK**, **KATHLEEN FLOWERS**, and **CORNELL BANTA** (back row); and **MEGAN SANDERS**, **KATIE COBEN**, and **ALEX CHEATWOOD** (front row).

**L** Dressed in **LSU's** colors, **CAROLINE KRISON**, **MARGEUX MILLER**, **SABRINNA BUNAI**, **STEPHANIE TWINER**, **ALEXIS GRASS**, and **MICHELLE SPARLING** of the **DELTA KAPPA CHAPTER** enjoyed a round

of fall recruitment.

**M** Alumnae from **AM/MISSOURI** joined their daughters, both current and new members of the chapter, for brunch September 28. Mother and daughter duos include **JOHNNA DEAN MEYER** (1991) and **ELIZABETH MEYER** (2013), **SHARI KEISKER JOHNSON** (1985) and **BROOKE JOHNSON** (2013), **AMY WANN BOGUSKI** (1985) and **KATHERINE BOGUSKI** (2013), **SUSAN CASANOVA ROWETON** (1985) and **BECCA ROWETON** (2013), **DANA BLADES HARVEY** (1986) and **KELLIE HARVEY** (2013), **BUFFY BLADES RAINES** (1987) and **RACHEL RAINES** (2011).

**N** Members of **BE/OREGON STATE** celebrated a first-place finish at the university's intramural soccer championship.

**O** The senior class of the **GAMMA PHI CHAPTER** at **TEXAS TECH** had member class photos taken this fall.

**P** **AMY HAMMER** and **ABBY QUICK** of **HΣ/CHAPMAN** flew kites at the beach during a sisterhood event this fall.

**Q** **BETA IOTA CHAPTER** members **CARLEIGH MALONEY** and **HAYLEY WARNER** held a floral Theta letter and prepared to welcome new members on bid day at **COLORADO**.

Four members from the **GAMMA TAU CHAPTER** at **TULSA**—**JORDAN HENDRICKSON**, **ABBY GREENHAW**, **VALERIE ROARTY**, and **KELLY LACEY**—were recognized with the Jess Chouteau Outstanding Senior honor for demonstrating exceptional achievement in both academic and service endeavors.

Three members of the **ALPHA PI CHAPTER** at **NORTH DAKOTA**—**LEXI HANSON**, **MOLLY BURKE**, and **AVERI HAUGESAG**—became members of the

university's student government and began their terms as student body president, Greek housing senator, and College of Arts and Sciences senator, respectively.

(Right) A Theta family from the **DELTA DELTA CHAPTER** at **WHITMAN** posed by life-size Theta letters during tea day, the final day of fall recruitment.







## ALUMNAE

**A** SARAH MOLER, HE/QUINNIPIAC, and NICOLE SCOTT, IT/TULSA, shared ideas for leading women at a recent event.

**B** SOUTH CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA ALUMNAE CHAPTER hosted a jewelry party with proceeds benefiting CASA. Attendees included Anita Brewster, Cumberland County CASA; GRETCHEN VANKIRK PETRI, BΦ/PENN STATE; JIN ON, EΠ/BUCKNELL; LIZ SHAW, BY/BRITISH COLUMBIA; ALLISON GRUNWALD, EΠ/BUCKNELL; MARIANNA ALDERFER WOOD, BΦ/PENN STATE; MORGAN KELLER HACKENBROCK, EΠ/BUCKNELL; and JIMMIE WINN GROVES, IT/KENTUCKY.

**C** PAULA DAHLGREN NEWBERG, ZO/CAL POLY; PATRICIA ROOT BRUCE, AN/MONTANA; CATHIE WATERS CARDELUCCI, BE/UCLA (back); CATHERINE CARDELUCCI, BE/UCLA; KATIE JONES, BO/IOWA; AND KELLI DOBBINS, HΣ/CHAPMAN (front), of the ORANGE COUNTY ALUMNAE CHAPTER participated in the September Reading Women book club discussion.

**D** WASHINGTON DC/SUBURBAN MARYLAND ALUMNAE CHAPTER members ELYSE TOPLIN, AΦ/TULANE, and SARA MANCO, ΔH/KANSAS STATE, pose pre-Mud Run in Washington, DC.

**E** The BOSTON METRO ALUMNAE CHAPTER volunteered with Boston CASA at their Annual Gala to commemorate Day of Service.

**F** LYDIA MARTINDALE TROXLER, AX/PURDUE; KRIS FRENSLEY CARR, AO/OKLAHOMA; JOAN VALRANCE WHITTLESEY, BΠ/MICHIGAN STATE; MARY OSGOOD, Ψ/WISCONSIN; and MARTHA CAWLEY DOUGHTIE, BA/WILLIAM & MARY, of the DENVER ALUMNAE CHAPTER read *The First Husband* as part of Theta's Reading Women book club.

**G** RHODE ISLAND alumnae used their cooking talents to prepare dinner for families staying at the Ronald McDonald House in Providence, RI.

**H** LAUREN MCDONALD MCGINLEY, Ω/UC BERKELEY, and her daughter KARA MCGINLEY, ΓP/UC SANTA BARBARA, took BETTY CHALDY, Δ/ILLINOIS, out for two "Theta dates."

## REUNIONS

To commemorate their 50th anniversary reunion, alumnae from the 1963 new member class of BΠ/MICHIGAN STATE visited the chapter for house tours and the opportunity to reminisce about the differences between then and now.



After more than 30 years, BT/DENISON alumnae SARAH BAILEY KELLEY, SUSAN MAGNANI APPLE, JENNIFER DESILVA NOSER, ANDREA BULL MCDONOUGH, CAROLYN ROGALSKY BUCHANAN, and AURA AIKEN MCCARTHY reunited in Aspen.





## GOOD TIMES

**I** JANIE GIBSON, AM/MISSOURI, and ASHLYN KALIES, IT/TULSA, met on the island of Dominica where they attend Ross University School of Medicine.

**J** The BETA EPSILON/OREGON STATE chapter traveled to the Oregon Coast for a sisterhood retreat before the start of recruitment.

**K** The senior member class of Ψ/WISCONSIN posed together during fall recruitment.

**L** Fifteen women from HΠ/CASE WESTERN RESERVE served as new student orientation leaders.

**M** GAMMA DEUTERON members ELLIE FEELY and RACHEL VINCIGUERRA traveled to Nepal as part of the connection curriculum at OHIO WESLEYAN, where they studied sus-

tainable tourism.

**N** During summer 2013, ABBY DICKEY, A/DEPAUW; ERIN AUSTIN, BK/DRAKE; BETSY FORTIN, ΔX/VIRGINIA; and NICOLE CORNELIUS, HΠ/CASE WESTERN RESERVE, interned for Dallas CASA and worked specifically on the organization's fundraising event, Parade of Playhouses.

**O** MEREDITH DOZIER, SASCHA ROSEMOND, CAROLYN KIM, SERENA PHAM, and FRANCES ESHUN-WILSON of HΨ/SAN FRANCISCO celebrated bid day.

**P** BETA XI CHAPTER members at UCLA prepared to welcome new members on bid day.

**Q** Theta letters standing tall, members of EPSILON SIGMA/UC IRVINE celebrated sisterhood during fall recruitment.

**R** KELSEY GEBHARDT and GINA WHITE, HO/NORTH FLORIDA, show off a Theta sign during fall recruitment events.

RENEE PREDMORE WYNN, BETSY STELLE MORGAN, MELISSA FRICK OAKLEY, CATHY MCCracken GERMAN, LIZ HANAHAN WORTMAN, JANE LANCASTER FITZPATRICK, AMY KARBACH MARK, KATE MITCHELL HUSKIN, LORELEI WARD McDERMOTT, BONNIE LINDROOTH MASTERMAN, JANE CARPENTER FRECH, and CAROL PAYNE WAGNER, all of A/DEPAUW'S 1985 member class, gathered in Gruene, Texas, in October to celebrate milestone birthdays.



Members of ETA CHAPTER'S 1968 class – BEVERLY HAAS, MERIDITH GIBBS, DIANNE ISHERWOOD TILSON, and PEG SELL – had lunch at Win Shuler's in Marshall, Mich., in June 2013. ♦





## FOUNDERS DAY AND FRIENDSHIP FUND MESSAGE 2014

Almost 150 years after our founding, it is hard for us to imagine a world without Kappa Alpha Theta. A world without the love and support, the demonstrations of leadership, the efforts to spread the widest influence for good of our sisters.

Bettie, Alice, Hannah, and Bettie lived in a world without these things, and it is because of their longing to have them, as well as their vision and hard work in founding our Fraternity, that we are linked heart to heart with women all over the world—women we may never meet in person—who are our sisters because of Theta.

Each year on January 27, we celebrate not only our founders but also all the Thetas who have followed them, the more than 200,000 women who have ensured the continuation of our founders' dreams. Thetas are pioneers ... role models ... philanthropists ... mentors ... champions ... innovators. We aspire to excellence; we strive for wide and wise human service; we help one another achieve lifelong opportunities for social, intellectual, and moral growth; we define the path for future generations of women. And we are loyal sisters, standing together throughout one another's lives.

One of the purest affirmations of this sisterhood is the Friendship Fund, which we also celebrate every January 27. Established in 1926, it is based on a beautiful, timeless idea—sisters reaching out to sisters.

The Friendship Fund demonstrates care and love by providing monetary support to Thetas experiencing extreme financial hardship due to serious or terminal illness, job loss, natural disaster, and other devastating occurrences.

One very important aspect of the Fund is the secrecy surrounding the giving of gifts. Two members write on behalf of a sister, and the Friendship Fund committee determines the award amount. The requesters remain anonymous, and all records are confidential. During times of need, the Friendship Fund has made all the difference to hundreds of Thetas.

The Friendship Fund is also a tangible display of our ritual, which instills in us the belief that Kappa Alpha Theta is larger than ourselves and that what we give to one another comes full circle. The Friendship Fund helps us remember what a powerful force Theta can be in our own lives and in the lives of others.

Loyally,

Amy Hayner Kates, AΦ/Tulane  
Fraternity President

### GIFTS TO THE FRIENDSHIP FUND

Theta tradition calls for Friendship Fund contributions to be made on Founders Day. The suggested donation is \$1 for every year of membership. Checks made out to Kappa Alpha Theta Fraternity with "Friendship Fund" written on the memo line may be mailed to:

Kappa Alpha Theta  
8740 Founders Rd.  
Indianapolis, IN 46268  
attn.: Friendship Fund

\* Donations to the Fraternity are not tax-deductible.

### GIFTS FROM THE FRIENDSHIP FUND

Two members write to the Fraternity on behalf of a sister; a gift from the Friendship Fund is not sought by a Theta herself. The requesters remain anonymous, and all records are confidential.

For more information about requesting help from the Friendship Fund for a Theta sister, please contact Angela Merk; (amerk@kappaalphatheta.org; 888-526-1870, ext. 140).

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# THREE WEEKENDS; THREE NEW CHAPTERS

THETA KITES FLEW HIGH IN NOVEMBER,  
SOARING OVER MASSACHUSETTS, MISSOURI,  
AND NORTH CAROLINA.



## HPΨ/TUFTS

The weekend of November 2, Fraternity officers traveled to Medford, Mass., to install the Eta Psi Chapter at Tufts University. Guests at the installation celebration on campus included relatives of the new initiates, Tufts administrators, and Panhellenic Council officers and members. One surprise guest was Elizabeth Gibson, Delta Iota/Puget Sound, who flew from Japan to attend the initiation of her sister, Victoria. Victoria said, "I did not at all expect Elizabeth to fly across the world to be present for what I guessed would be a 30-minute event. What a shock I was in for when I turned around to see my big sister standing in front of me mid-Initiation! That moment undoubtedly highlights what makes Theta so special. My sister and I are already close; we already love each other. But Theta gave us an opportunity to express and experience that love in an incredibly unique way."

Membership in the Eta Psi Chapter totals 80 collegians and two alumnae initiates, the daughter and mother of Thetas, respectively.

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*It was such an honor to participate in these three recent installations. I continue to be impressed by the quality of our new members, our future leading women!"*

—Mary Jane Parker Beach,  
BN/Florida State,  
NPC delegate

## ETA PSI INSTALLATION TEAM

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- Liz Bush Weiss,  
EΨ/Richmond,  
Fraternity music coordinator
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alumnae district director
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AO/Oklahoma,  
Zeta Xi Chapter advisor
- Madison Cannon,  
ZT/Delaware,  
educational leadership consultant
- Jenny Cook,  
BT/Denison,  
educational leadership consultant
- Sarah Glasser,  
BI/Colorado,  
educational leadership consultant





## SAINT LOUIS UNIVERSITY



### HQ/SAINT LOUIS UNIVERSITY

The following weekend saw the installation of the Eta Omega Chapter at Saint Louis University. The Charter Service was followed by a celebration dinner at the Millennium Hotel in downtown St. Louis. Guests included university faculty and administrators, as well as the initiates' families.

In a blog post, Abbi Forte, chapter CEO, wrote, "I feel so fortunate to be part of such a strong, smart, and caring group of young women. It is remarkable that a group of one hundred and forty-three young women, essentially strangers a few months ago, has already created a sincerely amazing sisterhood."



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### ETA OMEGA INSTALLATION TEAM

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# KAPPA ALPHA THETA

LEADING WOMEN



## NC STATE UNIVERSITY



### ΘΘ/NORTH CAROLINA STATE

The Theta Theta Chapter was installed at North Carolina State University two weeks later, and 118 women (including five legacies and one alumna, the sister of a Theta) were initiated. More than 320 guests—including initiates' families, alumnae, advisors, and Panhellenic officers—attended the celebration on the NC State campus.

Theta Theta's new home is half of a duplex, decorated in black and gold and including space for relaxing as well as studying. A rug emblazoned with the coat of arms greets Thetas and visitors.



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### THETA THETA INSTALLATION TEAM

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Since our founding nearly 150 years ago, Kappa Alpha Theta has been known as a leading women's group: our ideas and programs have often been on the cutting edge. As individuals and as chapters, Thetas are known for leading in our communities and on our campuses.

Grand Convention 2014 will lead our Fraternity into the next biennium, determining the direction of our Fraternity for the next two years. Grand Convention will also celebrate the tremendous potential within each of us for social, intellectual, and moral growth. And hundreds of Thetas—both collegians and alumnae—will experience the strength of Theta connections.

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## Frequently Asked Convention Questions

### Where and when is Grand Convention?

Grand Convention 2014 will be held at the Orlando World Center Marriott in Orlando, Fla., from Thursday, June 26, to Sunday, June 29.

### Who should attend Convention?

#### College Chapter Delegate

There is one college chapter delegate per chapter. Each chapter chief executive officer must attend as the voting chapter delegate unless permission is received from the relevant college district director to send another chapter member in her place.

#### Alumnae Chapter Delegate

Each alumnae chapter is encouraged to send one voting delegate to Grand Convention.

#### Non-delegates

All college and alumnae members are encouraged and welcome to attend Grand Convention.

### What's New for Convention 2014?

We heard you! Leading women lead busy lives, so Grand Convention 2014 will be a day shorter than recent Conventions. While the shortened schedule won't allow time for events such as Fun Night and a free afternoon, we are excited to offer a more convenient event for our attendees.

### When and how can I register? What is the registration deadline?

Registration will be available online—[grandconvention.kappaalphatheta.org](http://grandconvention.kappaalphatheta.org)—beginning March 3 for all attendees. Registration for delegates will be open until midnight on April 30. Non-delegates may register through May 16, space permitting; however, the registration cost will increase starting May 1. Space will be limited, so be sure to register early!

### Other questions?

For general Convention questions:

Mindy Marshall, director of administration ([mmarshall@kappaalphatheta.org](mailto:mmarshall@kappaalphatheta.org)).

For questions regarding registration:

Chris Finley, new member/registration coordinator, ([cfinley@kappaalphatheta.org](mailto:cfinley@kappaalphatheta.org)). ♦

## Convention Schedule

### Thursday, June 26

District Meetings  
Convention Kick-off  
Collegian and Alumnae Mixers

### Friday, June 27

Niké  
Business Sessions  
Connections Luncheon  
Guest Speakers  
Chapter Awards Dinner

### Saturday, June 28

CASA Walk and Breakfast  
Business Sessions  
Memorial Service  
Foundation Luncheon  
Final Banquet of  
Grand Convention

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ZO/WAKE FOREST, study (above) and seating area, before (above right) and after (below right).

## HOUSING TRANSFORMATIONS

By Abby Merritt

The Fraternity Housing Corporation was busy this summer. Renovations and redecorating ranged from houses to suites, from Wisconsin to Pennsylvania, from small school to big school. With help from the FHC Interior Design Team, four facilities—Epsilon Pi/Bucknell, Zeta Tau/Delaware, Zeta Omicron/Wake Forest, and Alpha Psi/Lawrence—were renovated in time for Thetas to enjoy this autumn. It's amazing what TLC and hard work can do to a space loved and used by so many.

### ZO/WAKE FOREST

I had an amazing time working with the members of the Facility Housing Corporation—not only does our lounge look beautiful, but the entire process ran smoothly! The FHC completely transformed our facility into a stunning yet practical place for our members to relax, do homework, and catch up with sisters. Not only are we proud of our letters and sisterhood, but we are proud of where we live.

—Kelsey Gaier, Zeta Omicron, facility management director

### EP/BUCKNELL

Our members are absolutely thrilled with the new suite. We love the Theta-inspired decor, especially the wall photo board. We are so grateful for the time and effort dedicated by the renovations team to transform our suite into a beautiful space for us to use.

—Kelsey Klopfer, Epsilon Pi, chief executive officer

### AΨ/LAWRENCE

Through this project, I had the pleasure of meeting a wonderful group of people, who reminded me that Theta extends much farther than our chapter and college careers. We are actually, in fact, part of a much larger organization that allows people to connect across generations. One really is a Theta for a lifetime. Not only do we now have a beautiful room, but we have a workable space where we can continue to thrive and make many more memories. None of this would have been possible without the hard-working individuals at FHC!

—Jennifer Loepfe, Alpha Psi, chief executive officer

### ZT/DELAWARE

As an alumna of the Zeta Tau chapter, I actually lived in the same facility in 2005. The new upgrades make me want to live in the facility again! The new living room is a great place for members to congregate, and the girls living in the facility have been utilizing the space to spend time together. The upgrades done to the house were much needed, are absolutely stunning, and allow for a more modern look that will make potential new members, current members and alumnae like me, proud!

—Stephanie Graev, Zeta Tau, advisory board chairman ♦

About the author: A graduate of Hanover College and a member of Phi Mu Fraternity, Abby Merritt is housing trust development and marketing coordinator for Kappa Alpha Theta.

### BEFORE



EIT/BUCKNELL, seating area.

### AFTER

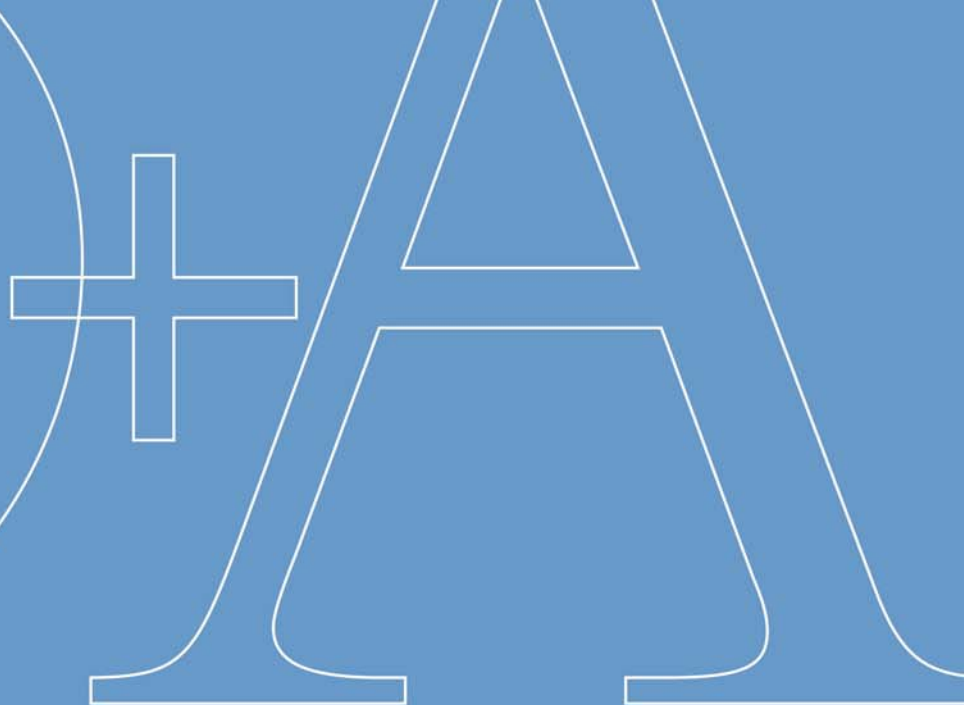


AΨ/LAWRENCE, seating area (top), and study area (below).



# Nancy Liu

## A THETA OF NOTE



IN ADDITION TO BEING A MEMBER OF THE ZETA XI CHAPTER, NANCY LIU IS A MANAGER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF HARVARD STUDENT AGENCIES AND A MEMBER OF THE COMMUNICATIONS BOARD OF HARVARD UNIVERSITY WOMEN IN BUSINESS. SHE IS ALSO A FINANCIAL ANALYST FOR SMART WOMEN SECURITIES. BORN IN WUHAN, CHINA, SHE MOVED TO THE UNITED STATES WHEN SHE WAS FIVE YEARS OLD.

### WE UNDERSTAND YOU RECENTLY BECAME A NATURALIZED CITIZEN. HOW DID YOU COME TO THAT DECISION?

Having spent the majority of my life in the States, I more readily identified myself as an American citizen than a Chinese citizen. It seemed like the natural decision because I'd always envisioned myself pursuing a life based in America.

### TELL US SOMETHING ABOUT THE PROCESS OF BECOMING A NATURALIZED CITIZEN THAT WE PROBABLY DON'T KNOW.

The process entails a brief oral and written test covering general American politics and history. In the waiting room, you'll see little old women recite facts in broken English that most Americans don't even know. It's quite a sight.

### WHAT TALENT DO YOU WISH YOU HAD?

Singing! My vocal skills are confined to the limits of my shower, rightfully so.

### WHERE WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE AND WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE DOING IN FIVE YEARS?

I've always been interested in entrepreneurship and thinking critically about how businesses work. Because entrepreneurship is such a broad interest, I really have no idea where it'll take me in five years.

### WHAT DO YOU VALUE IN YOUR FRIENDS?

Honesty and trustworthiness should be requisites. Humor is always a plus.

### "LOOKING AT ME, NO ONE WOULD GUESS THAT ..."

... I've been making fine art since I was old enough to hold a pencil. I spent every weekend from second grade to high school taking art class, and I miss it terribly now that I'm away at college. I particularly like painting portraits and capturing the nuances of the human face.

### WHAT ONE THING REALLY MAKES YOUR DAY?

Recently, my roommate (also a Theta sister!) and I have gotten into the habit of standing in front of our mirror in a power pose, shouting motivational phrases at ourselves. I saw a TEDtalk a while back about the power of body posture and now we've adopted this into our routine. While it felt a little silly at first, I start the day with a spring to my step.

### WHAT IS YOUR FONDEST THETA MEMORY?

Bid day! My whole friend group went through recruitment together, and it was incredible gaining so many new sisters in one night. Sometimes college falls into a very repetitive routine in which you are so focused on school and activities you forgo the opportunity to meet new friends. I loved the excitement in the air and the wonderful sense of community. ◇



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HOLISTIC COSMETIC SURGEON DR. SUSAN MATHISON PRACTICES FROM THE “INSIDE OUT”—INSPIRING WOMEN TO SEE THE BEAUTY THEY’VE ALWAYS POSSESSED.

At one point in her life, Dr. Susan Mathison truly believed that beauty was skin deep. The evidence, she recalls, appeared in the form of a baggy elementary school gym uniform and was uncovered by a classmate who made fun of the way Mathison looked in the outfit.

"Being teased isn't uncommon, but people underestimate the power of their words," says Mathison, Phi Kappa Phi member. "It was something I remembered so clearly and, from that point, I felt ashamed of my body. I started comparing myself to others and feeling that I'd never measure up."

Time and maturity moved Mathison past the incident. And although she's much more at peace with herself, Mathison—like most women—still battles body image. "Whether she's the CEO of a major company or a high school student, the number-one issue that causes a woman shame is her body image," she says. "Women tend to look in the mirror with a much more critical eye than necessary."

Madison now devotes her career to changing this reflection. As medical director and owner of Catalyst Medical Center & Clinical Spa in Fargo, ND, Mathison is also the founder of PositivelyBeautiful.com, writes a weekly column for Fargo's newspaper, and is authoring a book entitled *Positively Beautiful: Loving The Skin You're In*.

These endeavors, combined with frequent speaking engagements, share an empowering message with women: Own your beauty; love yourself first; and use the mirror as your friend.

"We're drawn to a person's eyes and her smile," says Mathison, "and there's nothing more beautiful than a happy, smiling woman. The power of self-care, such as joyful movement; a clean, healthy diet; and hydration, along with positive thinking, are always the starting points."

Next comes what Mathison calls the “practical magic”—correcting perceived flaws with facials, Botox, or fillers. But before she performs a procedure, Mathison talks to her patients to assure that the request is coming from a place of empowerment, versus feelings of shame, or comparisons to unrealistic media ideals.

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—Dr. Susan Mathison





## BEAUTY PERSONIFIED

Mathison's family, including her six siblings, moved to Fargo when she was ten years old. Her father was a urologist and her mother a nurse and, by the time she was in high school, Mathison had decided to follow their footsteps into the medical profession. Along the way, she also learned to appreciate true beauty by watching women who wore it particularly well.

"My mom has always been a kind, helpful soul, but she never goes anywhere without her eyebrows drawn—that's her mark of being 'all set.'" Mathison laughs. "She dealt with being a busy mom in a very beautiful way."

Mathison remembers her paternal grandmother, a fourth-grade teacher, as an elegant woman who always sported curls and was a bit on the flirtatious side. Her maternal grandmother was the family artist—creating lace-flowered stationery and writing poems. "She was a little jokester who was slightly mischievous and had fun with life," Mathison recalls. "And she always wore pin curls!"

In choosing otolaryngology (ear, nose, and throat) as her field of medical specialization, Mathison recognized the opportunity "to blend mind, heart, and hands."

"This specialty is not just managing medications," says Mathison, who is a double board-certified physician. "It's half medical, half surgical and I work with a range of ages from newborn to elderly."

"I believe medicine chooses you," she adds. "It's not a job or career, but more of a calling."

Mathison followed her calling to Stanford University, where she received her undergraduate degree, and then to the University of Texas-Southwestern Medical School, where she earned her medical degree. She next spent seven years in training at the University of Washington.

Mathison credits Theta with enhancing her undergraduate experience, as well as supporting her professional goals. "I developed a wonderful connection with women from all over the country, and our conversations went so much deeper than classes or clothes," Mathison says. "Together, we created Theta Breakers Run For The Children, which was one of the first run-

ning races on the Stanford campus at the time." The race, now in its 28th year, raises thousands of dollars annually for CASA.

"Theta Foundation scholarships also helped support me through medical school," she adds, "and I was so very grateful for that."

## THE POWER OF "PRETTY"

After years of medical training, locally and abroad, Mathison returned home to Fargo in 1997. She gained experience at a corporate hospital system, but found herself feeling disconnected from the real reason she went into medicine—to truly help patients.

Accordingly, she created what Mathison describes as her "dream," the 14,000-square-foot Catalyst Medical Center & Clinical Spa. The medical center, which offers comprehensive allergy services; specialized care for ear, nose, and throat health; adult and pediatric hearing services; and dermatology, is complemented by the clinical spa, which combines luxury care with medical expertise. The spa features individualized skin care and private cosmetic services.

"As a holistic cosmetic surgeon, I've helped hundreds of people in my practice who feel like every single day is the ultimate 'bad hair day.' Some believe they were never blessed with good looks or feel fat despite their size. Others agonize over acne that left marks on their skin and their soul. Many fear that their youthful beauty is fading, still others question their desirability and self-worth after a traumatic divorce or major life change. These women come to me seeking the beauty that they already possess, but can't (yet) see for themselves."

Mathison's typical week is split among clinic days (she also sees patients at the clinic's two other locations); surgical days; and meeting days. She's recruited additional physicians to the clinic, which helps balance the load. "Together, we've established a health-care facility built on integrity, authentic humanity, and trustworthy knowledge," she says.

The clinic is also built on Mathison's personal belief that women who recognize and live their beauty will save the world. "She might not be a cover model, but there's always that woman who can walk in and magnetize the entire room," she explains. "These

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Theta connections; far left: Susan Mathison, Mary Hossfeld, and Sarah Allen at a spring formal in the mid-1980s; near left: Kristin Brew, Susan Mathison, Mary Hossfeld, and Margo Friedland Shein at a Phi deutron reunion in 1995.

women radiate beauty and self-confidence. They attract abundance and have a lot to give—and what spills over is incredibly powerful.

“Women are innately tuned to collaborative problem-solving and to helping all of those around them,” she adds. “That can be lifesaving.”

Much of the beauty in Mathison’s life revolves around her family. Her husband, Steve, is a farmer and real estate broker, and six-year-old Grant started kindergarten this fall. The family lives in Fargo, and also has a farmstead in Buffalo, ND.

An avid gardener and occasional golfer, Mathison also loves spending time with her six siblings, parents, and many lifelong friends. In addition to working on her book, she also plans to introduce an organic skin care line sometime next year.

“There are two things that motivate me the most: Making my community a better place through my practice, and seeing the world through my child’s eyes,” she says. “The simplest experiences—like jumping in puddles or picking leaves—fill Grant with such joy. He has such an intense curiosity and is always looking underneath things to see how they work.

“I’d like to always find childlike joy in the beauty of my community and my profession.”

*About the author:* Jan Schmitz Mathew, Delta/Illinois, has been a contributor to the Theta magazine since 1997. A professional freelance writer, Jan is also a contributing editor of *Decatur Magazine*. ♦

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Mathison’s website and medical center/spa are both dedicated to the idea that true beauty is health and happiness, made visible, and are built on the basis of integrity, authentic humanity, and trustworthy knowledge.





## HOW TO—

THETAS SHARE THEIR EXPERIENCES AND EXPERTISE ON HOW TO DO [SOMETHING] BETTER.

ELIZABETH WHITE BLUME, DELTA ETA/KANSAS STATE, HAS BEEN DESCRIBED AS THE “BUDGET QUEEN” AND AS “DAVE RAMSEY ON STEROIDS” BY HER CLIENTS. SHE IS THE FOUNDER OF THE BLUME GROUP, WHICH PROVIDES FINANCIAL COACHING TO COUPLES AND INDIVIDUALS NATIONWIDE. SHE HELPS CLIENTS DEVELOP SKILLS TO MANAGE MONEY WISELY AND HABITS TO SPEND MONEY WELL IN ORDER TO FEEL CONFIDENT, UNITED, AND IN CONTROL. BLUME IS A MEMBER OF THE GREATER KANSAS CITY ALUMNAE CHAPTER.

## —BE A CONFIDENT SPENDER

My clients are all over the board when it comes to financial resources. Some have great financial abundance, some are just getting by, and some have significant debt problems. The one characteristic they all have in common is feeling out of control or lacking confidence when it comes to spending money.

Their savings goals may vary greatly: getting out of debt, saving for retirement, buying a bigger house, or setting up a special charity fund. Whatever their savings goals are, inevitably my clients say to me, “We don’t know when we can spend, and how much we can spend, and still accomplish our financial goal.” This leaves them feeling out of control, and their financial goals often are not realized.

Most people make a spending decision based on the balance in their checking account. This doesn’t leave them feeling terribly confident. It may be an OK spending decision today, but will it be tomorrow or next month? Trying to manage their spending frustrates them to the point of “giving up,” and they subsequently spend with no sense of how it will affect their savings goal. Have you ever felt that way?

But when you have a system in place that tells you when you can spend and how much you can spend, you are then able to make good decisions in light of your savings goals. You will then feel confident and in control of your money. You will become a confident spender!

To be a confident spender requires some planning in your financial life.

1. Develop a Spending Plan: Include not only what you want to spend, but also account for your savings goals. Don’t forget to include emergency savings!

2. Divide and Conquer: Establish three different accounts to gain control and start saving:

- A Joint Checking Account: Set aside funds to cover your regular monthly expenditures in this account. Continually verify that your regular spending needs for the next 30 days are accounted for.
- An Annual Savings Account: To save for irregular expenditures (such as Christmas), automatically fund this account monthly with 1/12 of the money needed for each expense.
- An Emergency/Savings Goals Account: Stash savings for emergencies and savings goals. Automatically fund this account monthly.

3. Live on Cash: Take your frequent variable expenditures out in cash on the first of every month. This means family groceries, family entertainment, and personal incidental money. Keep these cash categories separate from one another. It is permission to spend as well as a boundary.

4. Don’t Leave Home Without a Plan: Think about any spending you will be doing before you leave your house, making sure that it is in line with your spending plan. When you take the time to plan your spending, you will know when you can spend and how much you can spend. You will feel in control of your spending, and you will be able to save more because you are a confident spender. What a great feeling! ◇

Are you an interior designer with tips on repainting a room? Are you a home cook whose cake decorations would be the envy of Martha Stewart? Are you an accountant with hints for making tax time less painful? In short, do you know (or know another Theta who knows) how to do something better?

If so, please contact Lisa Thibault, associate editor, [lthibault@kappaalphatheta.org](mailto:lthibault@kappaalphatheta.org). We’d love to hear from you!



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JENNIFER COOK O'TOOLE SPENT THE MAJORITY OF HER LIFE STRUGGLING TO ORGANICALLY DECIPHER SOCIAL SITUATIONS AND LISTENING TO DOCTORS TELL HER SHE'S "TOO SMART FOR HER OWN GOOD." IN REALITY, SHE WAS JUST PROFOUNDLY MISUNDERSTOOD, AND HER JOURNEY WITH ASPERGER SYNDROME IS ONE OF MANY EXPERIENCES THAT LED O'TOOLE TO DO ASPIRING AND INSPIRING WORK, TO BE A ...

# LEADING WOMAN

JENNIFER COOK O'TOOLE, AE/BROWN

**D**octors diagnosed O'Toole with Asperger syndrome, an autism spectrum disorder, in October 2010 at age 35—a diagnosis each of her three kids and husband were also given within a year's time.

"To me, diagnosis was one of the best things that ever happened to me," O'Toole said. "It gave an answer to everything. I realized there's a reason that certain things have been difficult for me, and it's because my brain functions in a different way. Releasing that guilt was a great gift."

O'Toole is a graduate of Brown University, where she joined the Alpha Epsilon Chapter and received a Theta Foundation scholarship, which gave her the opportunity to attend Columbia University for her master's degree. Today, she is a renowned speaker, advocate, author of five books, and the founder of Asperkids, a multi-media social education company specializing in building awareness and positivity surrounding Asperger syndrome.

Like many, she gets a lot of her drive and energy from wanting to make the world better for her three kids. But there's another driving force to her aspirational attitude: a friendship with Lori Goldstein Schiffer, also Alpha Epsilon/Brown, who once referred to the two of them as "kindred spirits" and often reminded O'Toole that something beautiful can come from something broken.

"Lori would point out the genuine things in me that were worthwhile, instead of the things that weren't," said O'Toole. "What Lori did for me, which is what so many friends do for each other, is see me as the instrument of the heavens while I might have seen myself as a piece of paper and string."

After O'Toole's Asperger's diagnosis, Goldstein was the first person to tell her that the treatment she had tolerated from pretty much everyone was not OK. "Didn't I realize I was exceptional? That being an honest, kind, decent person was enough to deserve kindness in return?" It was an "a-ha" moment for O'Toole, who was taught to turn any experience into something good for someone else. She soon set out to change the public perception of Asperger's and the autism spectrum through her personal experiences as an Aspie, as a wife of an Aspie, and as a mother of three Asperkids.

Goldstein passed away in May 2013 after a nearly two-year battle with breast cancer, but she continues to inspire O'Toole's work well past her original thought-provoking question, and today, O'Toole feels like it is her duty to do all she does for two.

"I look at what good she was still going to do just by being herself and being a good person," said O'Toole. "I have to keep putting out there for what she can't anymore. All I can do is to take her energy and confidence in me and make sure that is not squandered." ♦

## ASPER-AUTHOR

Asperkids is a social education service that seeks "... to explain, expose, and access the precious, precocious potential of Asperkids everywhere." In pursuit of that goal, O'Toole is a blogger and sought-after speaker. She has also written five books.

*Asperkids: An Insider's Guide to Loving, Understanding and Teaching Children with Asperger Syndrome*

*The Asperkids' (Secret) Book of Social Rules: A Handbook of Not-So-Obvious Guidelines for Tweens & Teens with Asperger Syndrome*

*The Asperkid's Launch Pad: Home Design to Empower Everyday Superheroes*

*The Asperkid's Not-Your-Average-Coloring-Book*

*Extraordinary Minds, Purposeful Play ... Ordinary Stuff: The Asperkid's Game Plan*



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# OUTSTANDING FACULTY MEMBERS LIVE THETA'S ASPIRATIONS

BY VICTORIA STANKUS, HE/QUINNIPIAC

For nearly 150 years, Thetas have aspired to social, intellectual, and moral growth in order to lead the way for other women in higher education. By leading, we have furthered Bettie Locke Hamilton's notion of contributing to "something bigger than ourselves." The Fraternity has assisted us in becoming our best selves and, in turn, we have become *leading women* too.

As collegians, as we begin to strive toward these aspirations, many of us have been fortunate to encounter faculty members who have a deep appreciation and passion for education and the innate ability to inspire, motivate, and teach. Faculty members who encourage intellectual curiosity, leadership development, a commitment to service, and personal excellence can have a profound influence on the development of the whole student. These catalysts for our members' growth are *outstanding faculty members*.

For the second year, Kappa Alpha Theta is proud to honor 10 outstanding faculty members who teach in fields ranging from STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) to history to education. In addition, the institutions in which they teach range from public to private, from research-based to liberal arts-based. They were chosen from more than 110 nominations by Theta chapters who believe their professors personify Theta's aspirations inside and outside of the classroom.

**GARY ALLISON** earned his EdD from Wilmington College and is assistant professor of special education at the **UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE**. He was nominated for this award by the **ZETA TAU CHAPTER**. He has been working with students with autism and severe disabilities for more 40 years as a teacher and behavior analyst. Dr. Allison specializes in behavior change and support with students who present exceptionally challenging behaviors that are life and health threatening (severe self-injury, pica, etc.) while creating meaningful educational opportunities for those students in inclusive settings. His main areas of interest today continue to be the professional preparation and professional development of teachers in special education. He sits on the board of the Epilepsy Foundation, is vice president of the Delaware Association for Behavior Analysis and coordinates the statewide autism certification program for teachers in Delaware and nearby states.

Dr. Allison is a two-time winner and 12-time nominee for the University of Delaware Senate Faculty Excellence in Teaching Awards and has received more than 20 awards for teaching and service at the undergraduate and graduate levels. He wrote that he is humbled and flattered by this award and is also very proud to think that he has played a small part in the professional preparation and development of so many wonderful teachers and special educators over the years.

**CINNAMON BROWN** is an assistant professor of history at **WESTMINSTER COLLEGE** and was nominated by the **EPSILON IOTA CHAPTER**. She earned her PhD from the University of Tennessee and joined the faculty of Westminster College in 2009. There, she teaches courses in both the history and women and gender studies departments. She is the recipient of the Dean's Outstanding Junior Faculty Award, The Education Association's Professor of the Year (in Humanities), and The Remley Women's Center's Exceptional Faculty Award.

Dr. Brown's research focuses on early Louisiana history. She is currently editing her manuscript entitled *The Youngest of the Great American Family: The Formation of a Franco-American Culture in Early Louisiana* that explores territorial New Orleans through the lives of four individuals of different socioeconomic, racial, and ethnic backgrounds. She enjoys teaching a variety of topics including the History of Mardi Gras, Medieval China, and Scandalous Women

in American History (her favorite course!).

**DEBRA FISCHER** is a professor of astronomy at **YALE UNIVERSITY** who was nominated by the **EPSILON TAU CHAPTER**. She earned her PhD at the University of California, Santa Cruz. By measuring the reflex velocity of the star as it orbits a common center of mass with the planet, Dr. Fischer has been searching for exoplanets (planets orbiting other stars) since 1997. She has discovered hundreds of exoplanets, including the first known multiple planet system in 1999, and identified a correlation between the formation of planets and the chemical composition of the host stars. Exploiting this correlation, she led an international consortium between 2003 and 2008 to carry out a search for planets around metal-rich stars—that project alone detected dozens of new extrasolar planets.

Motivated by the desire to detect life elsewhere and by the belief that the best places to look are rocky planets orbiting nearby stars, Dr. Fischer's team at Yale is designing and building next-generation instruments to reach the extreme precision needed to detect analogs of Earth.

**DONNA HOWARD** is an associate professor in the department of behavioral and community health at the **UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND** and founding director of the College Park Scholars Global Public Health program. She received her PhD from Johns Hopkins University and has traveled and worked in Bali, Indonesia, and Grenada. In 2008, she received a Fulbright Fellowship to India and joined the department of community medicine at Manipal University as a visiting professor. She now leads an annual winter study abroad program to southern India where students learn about the organization and practice of public health in an Indian context. Dr. Howard's research focuses on adolescent risk and protective behaviors and positive youth development. Her current research addresses healthy teen dating relationships and teen dating violence.

**GAMMA MU CHAPTER'S** nomination of Dr. Howard cites her commitment to excellence in undergraduate and graduate education. She teaches core public health courses and regularly mentors students in the individual studies program (IVSP), which allows students to create interdisciplinary curricula leading to a bachelor's degree. Students are not only involved in her research but are often coauthors on professional presentations and published articles.



Gary Allison  
University of Delaware



Cinnamon Brown  
Westminster College



Debra Fischer  
Yale University



Donna Howard  
University of Maryland



Janet Shibley Hyde  
University of Wisconsin



**JANET SHIBLEY HYDE** is Helen Thompson Woolley Professor of Psychology and Women's Studies at the **UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN** and was nominated by the **PSI CHAPTER**. She earned her PhD in psychology from the University of California, Berkeley. She is perhaps best known for her meta-analyses of research on gender differences, including gender differences in mathematics performance (*Science*, 2008; *Psychological Bulletin*, 2010), sexuality (2010), self-esteem (1999), and temperament (2006). Her current work focuses on the emergence of gender differences in depression in adolescence, as well as an evaluation of the effectiveness of single-sex compared with coed schooling. Since 1990 she has been codirector of the Wisconsin Study of Families and Work. A fellow of the American Psychological Association and the American Association for the Advancement of Science, she has won numerous awards, including the Heritage Award from the Society for the Psychology of Women for her career contributions to research on the psychology of women and gender.

Dr. Hyde is the author of two undergraduate textbooks, *Half the Human Experience: The Psychology of Women* and *Understanding Human Sexuality*. Her real passion, though, is teaching. She loves the undergraduates at the University of Wisconsin! They are smart, hard-working, and willing to think about new ideas.

After earning his PhD at the University of California, Berkeley, **MICHAEL SOUZA** recently began his fourth year as a faculty member in the **UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA** department of psychology. The bulk of his teaching is focused on brain injury and recovery from brain injury. According to members of the **BETA UPSILON CHAPTER**, this focus has helped to energize student interest in this field at UBC. He also is dedicated to creating opportunities for student development and engagement. From supporting the psychology club and the annual undergraduate research conference, to creating new initiatives where a need existed (e.g., a departmental newsletter, an undergraduate-led peer-reviewed journal in the department), he has worked to make the psychology department an even better place for undergraduates. In addition to winning this award, Dr. Souza has also been selected for the Knox Master Teacher Award and the Killam Teaching Prize, the highest forms of recognition for excellence in teaching from his department and university, respectively.

Nominated by the **OMICRON CHAPTER**, **WILLIAM MCCLURE** earned his PhD in biochemistry at the University of Washington and is currently a professor emeritus of biological sciences at the **UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**, dividing his time between teaching, mentoring, and advising students and working with disadvantaged students from underserved high schools. He has served on the faculty of Rockefeller University and the University of Illinois, as well as USC. Dr. McClure left academic life for a time to serve as vice president for scientific affairs of a research and development firm engaged in pharmaceutical chemistry.

His research interests center upon the biological and chemical aspects of mental illness, especially the schizophrenias. Dr. McClure has published more than 200 books and scientific papers, and been the recipient of the Presidential Medallion, the highest award given by USC; and the Steven Sample award for advising and mentorship.

**MICHAEL RHONE** is a lecturer at **OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY** in the nutritional sciences program and is currently pursuing his PhD in Nutritional Sciences at OSU. He previously taught at Langston University in the Nutrition and Dietetics Program and has worked in the Oklahoma City Public Schools Child Nutrition Services, the Wichita/Sedgwick County Health Department Mothers and Infants Program, the Childcare Association of Wichita Head Start Program, and the Mary Mahoney Memorial Community Health Center, Inc., addressing the areas of preventive health and health disparities prevention. He enjoys speaking to community groups on the topic of nutrition.

He is a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity and Phi Upsilon Omicron Honor Society and was nominated for this award by the **BETA ZETA CHAPTER**.

**EMMA TENG** is the TT and Wei Fong Chao Professor of Asian Civilizations and associate professor of Chinese studies at **MIT**, with dual appointments in the history and foreign languages and literatures sections. She also serves as the director of the MIT program in women's and gender studies. She was nominated by the **ZETA MU CHAPTER**.

Dr. Teng teaches courses in Chinese culture, Chinese migration history, Asian American history, East Asian culture, and women's and gender studies. She earned her Ph.D. in east Asian languages and civilizations at Harvard, where she specialized in Chinese studies and Asian American studies. Her latest book, *Eurasian: Mixed Identities in the United States, China and Hong Kong, 1842-1943*, examines ideas concerning racial intermixing and the actual experiences of mixed families in China and the US between 1842 and 1943.

The recipient of numerous professional honors, Dr. Teng was awarded the Levitan Prize in the Humanities, was a cowinner of the MIT Edgerton Faculty Achievement Award, received the Frederick Burkhardt Residential Fellowship for Recently Tenured Scholars from the American Council of Learned Societies, and has been named a MacVicar Faculty Fellow for her contributions to undergraduate teaching at MIT.

**BETH WEE** wears many hats, according to members of the **ALPHA PHI CHAPTER**. At **TULANE UNIVERSITY**, she is the associate dean for undergraduate programs in the School of Science and Engineering, co-director of the masters and undergraduate neuroscience programs, and senior professor of practice in neuroscience/psychology. She earned her PhD in zoology/neuroscience at Michigan State University. Dr. Wee completed postdoctoral research at Northwestern University and Tulane University, studying circadian and seasonal rhythms in mammals. Her interests in animal behavior, neuroscience, and neuroendocrinology are incorporated into the classes that she teaches, including Brain and Behavior and Behavioral Endocrinology.

In addition to teaching, Dr. Wee advises many of the students majoring in neuroscience, a major she helped create. She advises four student organizations and is a member of several advisory boards and working committees for the university. Dr. Wee has earned awards for excellence in teaching and advising. ♦

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William McClure  
University of Southern California



Michael Rhone  
Oklahoma State University



Emma Teng  
MIT



Beth Wee  
Tulane University





Detail of the cover of the 1891 songbook.

## “SONGS OF JOY FOR THETA”

BY NORALEEN DUVALL YOUNG, AX/PURDUE

“I FOUND A THETA SONGBOOK. WHAT SHOULD I DO WITH IT?” MEMBERS AND NON-MEMBERS ALIKE FREQUENTLY CONTACT THE ARCHIVES ABOUT SONGBOOKS THEY HAVE DISCOVERED ON THEIR OWN SHELVES OR ON THE SHELVES OF USED BOOKSTORES.

Some songbooks have been passed down among generations of Thetas in a family. Other copies occupy chapter facility bookshelves. In Theta’s archives, there is one copy of the earliest songbook (published in 1877) and multiple copies of subsequent issues, preserving the musical heritage of the Fraternity.

### A SONGBOOK TIME LINE

The first songbook was published in 1877 by the Beta Chapter at Indiana. It is a small booklet, about 20 pages long, and contains only the words and a reference to a specific “tune,” but no written music. We are fortunate to have a copy of this songbook in the archives collection, as at the time, there were only six chapters in existence and only a few copies published.

The Alpha Chapter at DePauw compiled the second songbook in 1884. Composed of songs contributed by the existing chapters, this book also provided only the words and no music.

The 1891 edition, again published by the Beta Chapter, included music *and* words to more than 53 songs, including 15 new songs not published in the 1884 edition. Beta ended the book with this verse.

We send thee forth, O little book  
From every loyal Beta  
To gladden each fraternal nook  
With songs of joy for Theta

The Chi Chapter at Syracuse oversaw the next edition of the songbook, published in 1902. The 1899 Grand Convention had specified that each chapter submit three songs by January 1, 1900, or be fined “\$5 for each song not forthcoming.” The 1902 edition

included 99 songs.

A committee, primarily composed of members of the Chicago Alumnae Chapter and first appointed to select a national song, compiled the 1908 songbook. It included 92 songs, was very popular, and sold out. A second printing was made in 1912 with the addition of three songs, including the “Banquet Processional,” written for the 1911 Grand Convention.

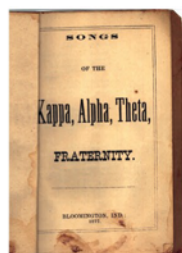
The 1918 edition of the songbook included the “Kappa Alpha Theta National Hymn,” selected from entries in a competition at the 1917 Grand Convention. The book contained not only official songs but also parodies and greetings sung to popular tunes of the day.

The eighth song book, published in 1925, included 100 songs, both those from previous editions and nine new songs, including “Theta Chant” and “Kappa Alpha Theta Blues.”

Editions in 1931 and 1948 contained more than 80 songs, including “Black and Gold Boogie Woogie.” Grand Council’s dedication in the 1948 songbook read: “When we hear music, we are related to the earliest times, and to the latest. To members of Kappa Alpha Theta—past, present, and future—this book is dedicated. May these songs ‘express a concord of mind.’”

A spiral-bound edition was published in 1978. Only one song appears in both the 1877 and the 1978 songbooks.

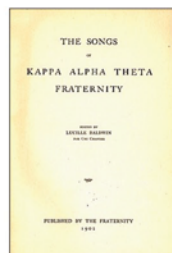
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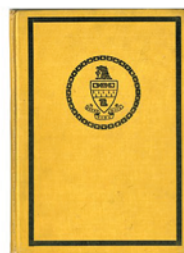
The 1877 songbook, Theta’s first.



The 1884 songbook, compiled by Alpha/DePauw.



The 1902 songbook comprised song submissions from each chapter.



Parodies of popular songs were included in the 1918 edition.



The cover of the 1931 edition was inspired by the Art Deco movement.

## RECORDING ARTISTS

In addition to songbooks, several record albums have been issued by the Fraternity or by individual chapters. The earliest record album in the collection is *Songs of Kappa Alpha Theta*, issued about 1924. Sung by Charles Harrison with Warren Lansing and His Orchestra, it includes only five songs: “Thetas Everywhere,” “The Loving Cup Song,” “Theta Lips,” “The Question,” and “The Fireside Song.”

A second record album was used as a fundraiser for the Loan and Scholarship Fund in 1927 and featured Margery Maxwell Hodgkinson, Alpha Nu/Montana, a noted opera singer of her day.

Individual chapters, such as Kappa/Kansas, Gamma deuteran/Ohio Wesleyan, Alpha/DePauw, and Beta/Indiana, have produced private recordings and commercially produced phonograph records. The archives collection includes several, dating between the 1940s and the 1960s.

### MUSIC TODAY

Members often ask that previous songbooks be posted on the Fraternity website or wonder when a new songbook will be published. Many favorite Theta songs are based on tunes still under copyright; to share them would be a violation of international copyright laws. Ritual songs, however, are available for download in the Ritual area of the Theta website after a member has logged in. Chapters may also order ritual CDs by emailing [supplies@kappaalphatheta.org](mailto:supplies@kappaalphatheta.org).



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Liz Appel Rinck,  $\Gamma$ /Butler; Betsy Sierk Corridan,  $\text{BO}$ /Iowa; Karen Albrecht Ledbetter,  $\text{IT}$ /Tulsa; Michelle Geiger Mouton,  $\Delta\text{K}$ /LSU; Cate Lock Bibb,  $\Gamma\Phi$ /Texas Tech (back); Mary Jane Parker Beach,  $\text{BN}$ /Florida State; Amy Hayner Kates,  $\text{A}\Phi$ /Tulane. (front) at the 2013 NPC annual meeting.

## THE POWER OF SORORITY

BY JENNIFER WETZEL,  $\text{PI}$  BETA PHI, AND SYDNEY WILLMANN, ZETA TAU ALPHA

The 2013 annual meeting of the National Panhellenic Conference (NPC) was held in Los Angeles in October. In response to member group and attendees' concerns regarding time away from the office and home, this meeting was shorter than meetings in the past. All member groups were represented; participants included 25 inter/national presidents, 26 delegates, 69 alternate delegates, 24 executive directors, 11 communicators, and 290 guests, for a total of 445. The meeting celebrated the accomplishments within the Conference during the past year and anticipated the ongoing commitment of sorority advancement in the next biennium.

Throughout the three-day meeting, attendees used Twitter, Instagram, and Facebook to share exciting moments and memorable photo opportunities from the meeting using the hashtag #NPCAM13. This was an effective demonstration of the ways social media can be a positive vehicle for NPC ambassadorship to a wide variety of audiences.

2011-13 NPC Chairman Jane H. Sutton, Alpha Xi Delta, opened the meeting by welcoming local college and alumnae Panhellenic representatives and recognizing for their service those retiring from their delegations. The Conference body then reviewed several legislative items, including the agreement on questionnaires, women not participating in men's recruitment, a dues increase (effective in 2015), policies for implementing release figure methodology on campuses with extension, and automatically setting total.

The second general session provided updates from the Measurable Outcomes Committee and Panhellenics Committee on accomplishments, upcoming work, and trends and concluded with a memorial service honoring sorority women who passed away

during the biennium.

Guest speakers took top billing on the final day of the conference. The communicators, armed with smart phones, participated in an impromptu photo shoot led by a professional photographer, while the NPC delegations, inter/national presidents, and executive directors attended a town hall meeting addressing trends in higher education.

Audrey Jaeger, PhD, associate professor of education at North Carolina State University, presented the keynote address at the Alumnae Achievement Luncheon, emphasizing the need for women in the STEM fields (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics). Jaeger received the Women in Higher Education Achievement Award from the NPC Foundation. In addition, the Coachella Valley Alumnae Panhellenic was honored with the Harriett Macht Outstanding Alumnae Panhellenic award and was also recognized as the first honoree into the Carol Coordt Circle of Excellence for being named Outstanding Alumnae Panhellenic during two consecutive biennia.

The luncheon also celebrated the centennial of the National Panhellenic Communicators Conference, comprising the editors and directors of communications of the NPC-member groups.

During the closing general session, the Conference finalized legislation discussion and voting. NPC Foundation President Janet Dodson, Alpha Sigma Tau, recapped the Foundation's fundraising, grants, and notable donations over the past year. Representatives from 10 different member organizations presented significant gifts to the Conference, including contributions to the Something of Value program, NPC staff professional development, and the NPC internship program.

Jane Sutton concluded her tenure as NPC chairman with the state of the Conference address and installation of the 2013-15 Executive Committee, which will be led by Chairman Jean Mermoud Mrasek, Chi Omega. Sutton's speech and the subsequent installation were broadcast via a live web stream for the first time. In her final address as NPC chairman, Sutton said, "There is a reason we have existed as a conference for 111 years, and I know your belief in the power of sorority will lead you to ensure the Conference survives and thrives for future generations of women. Thank you for allowing me to have made this journey with you."

After a reception celebrating Phi Sigma Sigma's centennial, the 2013 annual meeting concluded with a closing banquet. Pete Smithhisler, president and CEO of the North-American Interfraternity Conference, gave the invocation. Dan Shaver of Affinity Consultants was honored with the Interfraternal Partner Award; Dave Conner received the Outstanding Panhellenic Advisor award sponsored by Alpha Chi Omega; and Jean Scott, Pi Beta Phi, former NPC chairman, received the Distinguished Service Award. Finally, Sutton passed the gavel to Mrasek, the 2013-15 NPC chairman. Mrasek thanked her family, Chi Omega and Panhellenic sisters for their love and support. In her first speech as NPC chairman, she announced that collaboration will be a major focus in the 2013-15 biennium. "Collaboration is essential to accomplish our goals and implement the strategic plan."

The 2013 annual meeting allowed for reflection, celebration and discussion. It also provided attendees with a renewed vision of the NPC mission and goals, which can be attained by advancing sorority together.

*Editor's note:* The authors are marketing and communications interns, respectively, for NPC.  $\diamond$

### BY THE NUMBERS

#### NPC Statistics

- 26 member groups
- 666 campuses in the U.S. and Canada
- 3,127 undergraduate chapters
- 325,772 undergraduate members
- 127,696 new members
- 3,883 alumnae associations

#### College Panhellenics

(460 of 569 reporting)

- 569 College Panhellenics
- 850,411 hours donated to community service efforts
- \$5,276,728 raised for philanthropies

#### Alumnae Panhellenics

(108 of 197 reporting)

- 197 Alumnae Panhellenics
- 53,394 hours donated to community service
- \$438,757 raised for scholarships
- 412 scholarships awarded
- \$82,247 raised for philanthropies

### NPC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The NPC Executive Committee is responsible for the oversight of the Conference and works closely with the delegates from each NPC group to advance the sorority experience, advocate for our fraternal groups, and support our college and alumnae women.

#### CHAIRMAN

Jean Mermoud Mrasek, Chi Omega

#### VICE CHAIRMAN

Donna Crain King, Sigma Kappa

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Lynnda Wolf Hoefer, Delta Zeta

#### ADVOCACY COMMITTEE

##### CHAIRMAN

Mary Jane Parker Beach, Kappa Alpha Theta

#### PANHellenics COMMITTEE

##### CHAIRMAN

Julie Landgren Johnson, Kappa Delta

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*A notice of the death of a Theta sister may be sent to Gretchen Brown, membership coordinator. (Her contact information may be found on page 2.) A published death notice, whether print or electronic, is appreciated.*

**A/DEPAUW**

Elizabeth Scipio Fisher; 1934, September 2013  
Barbara Ferrell Gaines; 1964, April 2013  
Aimee Parry Ruge; 1939, November 2012

**B/INDIANA**

Adaline Chambers Bailey; 1938, July 2013  
Marsha Hunt Lamb; 1963, July 2012  
Janet Rumbaugh Need; 1955, September 2013

**Γ/BUTLER**

Kathryn Kilby Borland; 1934, September 2013  
Ruth Armstrong Burns; 1939, September 2013  
Barbara Keiser Judd; 1938, May 2012  
Norma Conder Kelleher; 1937, October 2012  
Martha Norman Zettel; 1935, April 2011

**Δ/ILLINOIS**

Elizabeth Lohmann Faucett; 1938, August 2013  
Maureen O'Malley; 1986, November 2012

**H/MICHIGAN**

Helen Goetz Johnson; 1952, June 2013

**I/CORNELL**

Namie Tanaka Smith; 1964, August 2012

**K/KANSAS**

Jane Montgomery Riddle; 1938, January 2012  
Helen Forbes Schade; 1937, May 2013

**Λ/VERMONT**

Pauline Bristol Noonan; 1934, August 2013

**Γ<sup>Δ</sup>/OHIO WESLEYAN**

Cornelia Draves Baker; 1948, August 2013  
Sandra Seem Connolly; 1964, June 2012

**P/NEBRASKA**

Patricia Pierce Feuerstein; 1943, September 2013  
Ann Miner Gohde; 1954, February 2013

**T/NORTHWESTERN**

Polly Hitt Henry; 1948, July 2013  
Martha Schueler Herman; 1935, July 2013  
Georgia Kasischke Northway; 1937, April 2013  
Kathryn Wenger Olsen; 1939, April 2013

**Y/MINNESOTA**

Margaret Butler Delfosse; 1956, March 2012  
Patricia Quigley Hanft; 1941, April 2013

**X/SYRACUSE**

Ruth Whitney Nyberg; 1940, August 2013

**Ψ/WISCONSIN**

Barbara Gill Wise; 1945, July 2013

**Ω/UC BERKELEY**

Beatrice Church Hooper; 1937, January 2013

**ΑΓ/OHIO STATE**

Lois Maclean Guda; 1944, July 2013  
Cheryl Troy Samuels; 1964, March 2013

**AH/VANDERBILT**

Mary Edwards Herrington; 1940, August 2013

**ΑΘ/TEXAS**

Helen Hannay Dixon; 1939, February 2013  
Marilyn Rowe Drinker; 1942, December 2012  
Constance Bennett Hardwicke; 1948, July 2013  
Anna Beazley Henderson; 1937, July 2013  
Jane Floyd Jackson; 1942, August 2013  
Carolyn Stevens Majors; 1946, October 2012  
Charlotte Jones Montgomery; 1947, November 2012  
Roberta Caffarelli Rife; 1933, July 2013  
Mary Winsett Schmidt; 1952, April 2012  
Mary Puckett Troell; 1937, January 2013

**ΑΙ/WASHINGTON-ST. LOUIS**

Dorothy Dittmann Biggs; 1934, April 2013  
Betty Heckman Reck; 1937, July 2013

**ΑΛ/WASHINGTON**

Phyllis Turnure Pearson; 1940, September 2013  
Hazel Coppess Toole; 1954, November 2012

**ΑΜ/MISSOURI**

Jill Jarvis Fencil; 1985, February 2012  
Arline Downs Latham; 1941, September 2013

**ΑΞ/OREGON**

Sue Taylor Brown; 1958, July 2013  
Dorothy Magnuson Jameson; 1936, August 2013  
Elizabeth Parks Maize; 1942, August 2013  
Gloria Hibbitt Thorpe; 1949, July 2013

**ΑΟ/OKLAHOMA**

Patricia Flint Breckinridge-Van Schoyck; 1955, October 2013  
Audrey Anderson Thixton; 1951, March 2013

**ΑΡ/SOUTH DAKOTA**

Wanda McLaughlin Pascuzzi; 1932, April 2013

**ΑΣ/WASHINGTON STATE**

Shirley Wallace Allen; 1950, August 2013  
Eileen Carlson Featherstone; 1933, June 2013

**ΑΤ/CINCINNATI**

Judith Myers Scherer; 1958, September 2013

**ΑΦ/TULANE**

Jane Stewart Anderson; 1947, September 2013  
Barbara Youngs Settle; 1951, February 2012

**ΑΧ/PURDUE**

Alice Campbell Armantrout; 1956, August 2013  
Eleanor Miller Hutchinson; 1939, September 2013  
Virginia MacDonald Menke; 1941, October 2013  
Julia Horner Mulligan; 1941, June 2012  
Joan Risk Shiplett; 1952, March 2013  
Martha Norman Zettel; 1935, April 2011

**ΑΨ/LAWRENCE**

Maxine Goeres Kellogg; 1934, July 2013  
Ethel Helmer Riester; 1934, June 2013

**ΒΓ/COLORADO STATE**

Isabella Manewal Lockhart; 1930, June 2013

**ΒΔ/ARIZONA**

Nancy Allen Vitek; 1946, September 2013  
Carol Owen Whipple; 1958, March 2011

**ΒΕ/OREGON STATE**

Nancy Randall Jacobsen; 1948, September 2012  
Judy Young Rauhauser; 1960, August 2013

**ΒΖ/OKLAHOMA STATE**

Patricia Dodson Bowker; 1947, December 2012  
Lorraine Liermann Cox; 1937, August 2012  
Jacqueline Jones Skelton; 1956, February 1997

**ΒΙ/COLORADO**

Mayme Diffey Evans; 1948, January 2013  
Anne Estabrook Hoffmann; 1955, September 2013

**ΒΚ/DRAKE**

Carol Osborn Irwin; 1953, August 2013

**ΒΛ/WILLIAM & MARY**

Margaret Hult Johnson; 1950, November 2012  
Gwendolyn Evans Wood; 1937, March 2013

**ΒΜ/NEVADA**

Carrol Crowder Baird; 1958, August 2013

**ΒΝ/FLORIDA STATE**

Jacqueline Higley Beaver; 1941, July 2013  
Caroline Brown Craig; 1943, September 2013  
Alvena Birchard Pryor; 1949, May 2013  
Larene Holabird Wambsganss; 1937, August 2013

**ΒΞ/UCLA**

Nancy Allen Vitek; 1946, September 2013

**ΒΟ/IOWA**

Eleanor Bjorklund Dohrn; 1938, March 2013  
Ann Grothe Lorimer; 1951, December 2011  
Nancy Ross Perry; 1966, September 2013

**ΒΠ/MICHIGAN STATE**

Jeanne Campbell London; 1945, January 2012  
Mary Langenbacher Perry; 1939, August 2013

**ΒΣ/SMU**

Laurie Hickman Cox; 1975, August 2013  
Mayme Diffey Evans; 1948, January 2013  
Jannis Leigh Greene; 1956, September 2013  
Louise Corrigan Jordan; 1937, November 2012  
Marjorie Cone Kastman; 1950, December 2012  
Blanche Hughes Lamb; 1939, April 2013  
Joanne Jones Melton; 1951, July 2012

**ΒΤ/DENISON**

Jean Lockhart Ullman; 1949, October 2013

**ΒΧ/ALBERTA**

Joyce Tomie; 1951, February 2012

**ΓΔ/GEORGIA**

Carolyn Walk Williams; 1945, February 2013

**ΓΕ/WESTERN ONTARIO**

Marion Luney Murray; 1937, March 2013

**ΓΙ/KENTUCKY**

Sarah Korte McIntosh; 1980, September 2013

**ΓΝ/NORTH DAKOTA STATE**

Margaret O'Brien Blazek; 1947, September 2013

**ΓΞ/SAN JOSE STATE**

Carrol Crowder Baird; 1958, August 2013

**ΓΟ/NEW MEXICO**

Judith Ann Putman Dirks; 1964, November 2012

**ΓΠ/IOWA STATE**

Jean Tibbett Gonz; 1948, May 2013  
Janet Peterson Knuth; 1960, July 2013

**ΓΤ/TULSA**

Audrey Anderson Thixton; 1951, March 2013

**ΓΥ/TCU**

Marcia Paulk; 1974, August 2013

**ΕΕ/BAYLOR**

Lisa Reid Westbrook; 1977, August 2013

**ΕΡ/LEHIGH**

Hanlon M. MacDonald; 2012, August 2013

**ΖΗ/WOFFORD COLLEGE**

Martha L. Cammack; 2009, October 2013 ◇





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CARRYL WISCHMEYER KROHNE, N/HANOVER (SEE PAGE 5)

"I have taught between 20 and 30 Thetas in the past several years, so I'm really touched by this honor," said Professor Emma Teng, who was nominated for the Ten Outstanding Faculty award last spring by Theta's Zeta Mu Chapter at MIT.

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Theta gave me an opportunity to be in a different part of the country, earn a master's degree, meet many interesting people both young and old, start a satisfying career and, indirectly, to become a wife and mother. I will always be proud to be a Theta.

ANGELA PECKHAM HEWETT, N/HANOVER (SEE PAGE 6)

When I was just nine years old, my father saved many people on September 11, 2001. Just nine years later, Theta saved me.

JULIE GRIFFIN, HT/TAMPA (KAPPAALPHATHETA.ORG)

We are actually, in fact, part of a much larger organization that allows people to connect across generations. One really is a Theta for a lifetime. JENNIFER LOEPFE, AΨ/LAWRENCE (SEE PAGE 20)



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